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GETTYSBURG ASYLUM

FOR INVALID SOLDIERS.

Incorporated by Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, March 6, 1867.

The Board of Supervisors appointed by the above Corporation to carry out the objects of the act of incorporation, respectfully announce to the public that the Legislature of Pennsylvania has authorized the raising of funds for the erection, establishment and maintenance of an Asylum for Invalid Soldiers of the late war, to be built on the battlefield of Gettysburg, and as inducement to patriotic citizens to contribute to this benevolent object, have empowered the Corporation to distribute amongst the subscribers such articles of value and interest, from association with the late war, or any money, effects, property or estate, real or personal, whatever, in the State or elsewhere, at such time or upon such terms, and in such way and manner whatsoever, as to them shall seem fit, any laws of this Commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding.

The enterprise is cordially recommended by the following named well-known gentlemen:

Ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin,
Major General George H. Meade,
Major General Galtus Pennypacker,
Major General E. M. Gregory,
Major General John R. Brooke,
Major General Charles E. T. Collis,
Major General Henry J. Madill,
Major General James L. Selfridge,
Brigadier General James A. Beaver,
Brigadier General Hiram G. Sickles,
Brigadier General Joseph F. Knipe,
Brigadier General William J. Holtz,
Brigadier General Samuel Zulick,
Brigadier General John K. Murphy,
Brigadier General John M. Ballier,
Brigadier General T. E. McCoy,
Brigadier General R. E. Winslow,
Brigadier General Henry Pleasant,
Brigadier General J. P. S. Goblin,
Brigadier General J. M. Campbell,
Brigadier General Thomas Walker,
Brigadier General W. Cooper Tully,
Brigadier General D. M. M. Gregg,
Colonel F. Stanbaugh.

The site for the institution (thirty acres) has already been purchased, and it is hoped that the good work may commence before midsummer.

Subscriptions will be received at the office of the Association, No. 1126 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on and after Monday, the 6th day of May, 1867.

For each subscription of five dollars a certificate will be issued which will entitle the holder to such article of value as may be awarded to its number.

The first distribution of awards will be made immediately upon the receipt of \$50,000 subscriptions of \$5 each.

The distribution will be public, and under the direct supervision of the Corporation.

Persons at a distance are requested to remit their subscriptions (when practicable) by Post office money order, or registered letter, to insure prompt delivery. Direct all letters to

J. D. HOFFMAN,

Secretary Board of Supervisors,

Box 1851, P. O., Philadelphia.

The following is a schedule of awards to be made under the first distribution. The items of Diamonds and other precious stones were purchased from citizens of the South during the war, and their genuineness is certified to by Henle & Bros., the most extensive diamond importers in the country, and by J. Hermann, diamond setter, New York.

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FIRST DISTRIBUTION.

Eighty Thousand Subscribers at Five Dollars each.

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| 5 | 1 Diamond Cross set in Silver, 7 000 | |
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THE GAME OF LIFE—A HOMILY.

BY JOHN G. BAXE.

There's a game much in fashion, I think it's called *Bohème*.

(Tho' I never have played it for pleasure or

lure.)

In which, when the cards are in certain po-

sitions,

The players appear to have changed their

conditions.

And one of them cries, in a confident tone,

"I think I may venture to 'go it alone!'"

While watching the game, 'tis a whim of

the bard,

A moral to draw from the skirmish of cards,

And to fancy he finds in the trivial strife

Some excellent hints for the battle of life;

Where—whether the prize be a ribbon or

throne—

The winner is he who can "go it alone!"

When the great Galileo proclaimed that the

world,

In a regular orbit, was ceaselessly whirling,

And got—not a convert—for all of his pains,

But only derision, and prison, and chains;

"It moves, for all that!" was his answering

tone.

For he knew, like the earth, he could "go it

alone!"

When Kepler, with intellect piercing afar,

Discovered the laws of each planet and star,

And doctors who ought to have lauded his name

Derided his learning and blackened his fame,

"I can wait," he replied, "till the truth you

can own."

For he felt in his heart he could "go it alone!"

Alas for the player who idly depends

In the struggle of life upon kindred or friends;

Whatever the value of blessings like these,

They can never atone for inglorious ease,

Nor comfort the coward who flinches with

gloom.

That his crutches have left him to "go it

alone!"

There's something no doubt in the hand you

may hold—

Health, family, culture, wit, beauty and gold

The fortunate owner may fairly regard

As such, in its way, a most excellent card,

Yet the game may be lost with all these for

your own.

Unless you've the courage to "go it alone!"

In battle, or business, whatever the game—

In law or in love, it is ever the same;

In the struggle for power, or the scramble

for pelf,

Let this be your motto, "Rely on yourself!"

For whether the prize be a ribbon or throne,

The winner is he who can "go it alone!"

A HOMILY ON A HOMILY.

BY D. A. LEVINE.

I have read, witty Saxe, your last verses on

Bohème—

(It's a game I have played, tho' never for

lure.)

And if you but knew it as well as I know it

You would find, oh most genial and excel-

lent poet,

It teaches a lesson more useful than one,

To be gleamed from the sentence, "I'll play

it alone!"

Self-reliance, we know, is an excellent trait:

The advance guard of science who patiently

A TERRIBLE BEDFELLOW.

I looked at my neighbor with considera-

ble curiosity. His face indicated a man

of not over thirty years—a period at which

men are still young, but his hair was as

white as fresh fallen snow. One seldom

sees even on the heads of the oldest men

hair of such immaculate whiteness. He

sat by my side in a car of the Great

Western Railroad, in Canada, and was

looking out at the window. Suddenly

turning his head he caught me in the act

of staring at him—a rudeness of which I

was ashamed. I was about to say some

words of apology, when he quietly re-

marked:

"Don't mention it, sir; I'm used to it."

The frankness of this observation pleased

me, and in a very little while we were

conversing on terms of familiar acquaint-

ance, and before long he had told me

the whole story.

"I was a soldier in the army of India,"

said he, "and as is often the case with

soldiers I was a little too fond of good

liquor. One day I got drunk and, was

shut up in the black hole for it. I slumped

down upon the floor of the dungeon,

and was just dropping off to sleep, when I

felt a cold, slimy shape crawling across

my right hand as it lay stretched out

above my head on the floor. 'I knew at

once what it was—a snake!' Of course

my first impulse was to draw away my

hand, but knowing if I did so the poison-

ous reptile would probably strike its fangs

into me, I lay still with my heart beating

in my breast like a trip hammer. Of

course my fright sobered me instantly. I

realized all my peril in its fullest extent.

O, how I lamented the hour that I had

touching liquor! In every glass of liquor

they say there is a serpent; but it does

not come to everybody in the shape it

came to me. With a slow, undulating

motion the reptile dragged its carcass

across my face, inch by inch, and crept

down over my breast, and thrust its head

inside my jacket. As I felt the hideous

scrapping of the slimy body over my cheeks

it was only by the most tremendous ef-

fort that I succeeded in restraining my-

self from yelling loudly with mingled

terror and disgust. At last I felt the tail

wriggling down towards my chin; but

imagine what I felt at heart, if you can

imagine it, as I realized that the dreadful

creature had coiled itself up under my

jacket as I lay, and had seemingly gone

to sleep, for it was still as death. Evi-

dently it had no idea that I was a human

creature; if it had it would not have

acted in this manner. All snakes are

cowardly, and they will not approach a

man unless to strike him in self defense.

Three hours I lay with that dreadful

weight on my bosom, and each minute

was like an hour to me—like a year! I

seemed to have lived a lifetime in that

brief space. Every incident of my life

passed across my mind in rapid suc-

THE HOME PAPER.

The *Cleveland Herald* makes the fol-

lowing sensible remarks in relation to

local newspapers:—"It matters not how

many newspapers a man takes, his list is

not complete without his home paper.

Every citizen who wishes well for his

locality, should give a generous support to

his home paper. If that paper is not just

such as he would wish, he should feel

that himself and neighbors are responsible,

in a measure, for its shortcomings. Give

a paper a liberal support, an active sym-

pathy, and it will instantly respond to

such manifestations. Let an editor feel

that his efforts are appreciated, and he

is the most responsive being on earth; his

paper being a part of himself, he is as

sensitive to praise or censure as a doting

father. Nothing can supply the place of

the home paper. It is the mirror in which

the town and neighborhood news is re-

flected; in the social, political and reli-

gious circles were printed, it fills a place

that no other paper can. When a need

of economy compels the curtailment of

your newspaper list, strike off every other

one before you say to the publisher of

your home journal: "Stop my paper."

The man who does not read the adver-

tisements in his home paper, can never be

said to be well posted. The advertise-

ments indicate not only the business en-

terprise of the place in which they are

published, but the enterprise of the ad-

vertiser. When you see a man who ad-